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TAGS: OVIP (MARA, RATU SIR KAMISESE)

SUBJECT: U.S. TRANSIT OF FIJIAN PRIME MINISTER

REF: STATE 292999

1. AS REQUESTED REFTTEL, EMBASSY CONTACTED FIJIAN PRIME MINISTER WHO HERE IN LOME IN HIS CAPACITY CHAIRMAN AFRICAN-CARIBBEAN-PACIFIC-EEC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DURING DECEMBER 1-4 ACP/EEC CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY.

2. FIJIAN MISSION NEW YORK WAS IN FACT ABLE TO CONTACT PM AND HAS BEEN INFORMED PM REGRETS HE WILL BE UNABLE TO VISIT WASHINGTON DURING HIS TRANSIT OF UNITED STATES. BUDGET SESSION FIJIAN PARLIAMENT CURRENTLY BEING HELD AND PM MUST BE IN FIJI BY DECEMBER 8 TO APPEAR BEFORE PARLIAMENT. PM WILL DEPART LOME DECEMBER 3 FOR NEW YORK AND OVERNIGHT THERE, DEPARTING NEW YORK AFTERNOON DECEMBER 4 OR MORNING DECEMBER 5 FOR HONOLULU WHERE HE WILL REST FOR DAY BEFORE LEAVING FOR FIJI. IN VIEW OF INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE HE MUST LEAVE HONOLULU DECEMBER 6 IN ORDER ARRIVE FIJI DECEMBER 8.

3. PM REITERATES SINCERE REGRET, ALREADY CONVEYED TO FIJIAN MISSION NEW YORK FOR TRANSMITTAL USG, THAT HE UNABLE DURING THIS LONG AND HURRIED TRIP TO ACCEPT MOST GENEROUS OFFER BY PRESIDENT
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